

Letter No. 1

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My Darling;

Heretofore there were just two of us but today we have added a third to our little group. From now on we will have the snip of little scissors to accompany our correspondence. The censor is here! You will notice the difference in my letter writing if you observe closely.

[Censored] we left Camp Beale and had a nice trip. We got here at [Censored] and will be here [Censored] [Censored]. Last nite I had a beer at the P-X, knocked over another one and then chatted with Bob Kennedy for quite a while. Bob has been here [Censored] now and is looking great. The weather here is [Censored]. We are located at [Censored], [Censored] miles from [Censored]. So that as you can see there is very little that I can say that is not [Censored]; therefore I will have to deal strictly with matter concerning only you and I and will leave matter concerning the Army to be written up in my postwar memoirs. To tell the truth, everything here is quite routine and is probably best forgotten anyway.

I made the honor roll this morning and was placed on latrine detail and had to sweep the floor - you see what I mean about the lack of romance in my adventures here don't you. After that I had to clean up under my bunk.

Since the barracks formerly housed [censored], I swept up quite a few lobby pins which is unusual in an army barracks.

The food here is very good so I am right in my element. The one way the army can be reasonably sure of keeping is happy as I could be when separated from you is to give me good food.

Gosh, Darling, but I miss you an awful lot. I don't know why they have to wage a war just at this time. I do want so damned much to be with you permanently and yet it looks as if this war will last a year or so longer and will keep me away from you just that much longer. I will have to make up for a lot of lost time when I finally do get back. Since I haven't told you since yesterday, I feel it is my duty to inform you that I love you Sweetheart, more now than ever and more every day. I wish I <sup>were</sup> ~~was~~ with you now, I would proceed to show you just how much.

This morning I put some finishing touches to my allotments with the net result that I am now going to be the recipient of only \$17 monthly. I'll be able to get along quite well on this and the money I save will add up to a nice little nest egg for our future use. We will certainly be able to put it to good use.

After doing that, Bob and I went over to personnel

and filled out our papers for The Armed Forces Institute. I filled out the blank form and will have to write a nice letter explaining to them just what course I want to take, why, when, and where I want to take it. I will let them make the arrangements rather than making them myself. This will save a lot of cross correspondence. It shouldn't cost very much for the courses. I am going to start with a course in European History given by the University of Michigan. I want to stick fairly closely to courses which will be recognized by them since I intend to do my graduate work there. It will probably be rather rough doing the work without a reference library to refer to but I imagine I will probably survive. Just as long as I am doing undergraduate work I guess they're not too fussy about that.

I suppose you have registered and are all set to start school now. Let's just pay that next year or as soon thereafter as possible that I will be registering to start school with you for company as I sweat out the registration line.

This evening I am to go pick up Bob. We will probably go to the show - has that got a familiar ring - and see "Sweet & Low Down" with J. Oakie & B. Goodman's band. Howard Gold was going but he has to do K.P. so that is out as far as he's concerned.



There is a mistake on the change of address card I made out. They had us put on the 56th Casual Company but it should be the 59th Casual Company. The rest of the address is O.K. To be sure I thought you want to go by the return address on this letter. This will be the right address. I'm quite sure the censor will check it.

While I have a lot of time <sup>to myself</sup> here, I have decided that I will put it to good use by trying to design a house to suit our needs. I've thought it over and I think the best thing to do would be to plan a basic design for about four rooms and from these we could build out as we went along. The first unit could be a kitchen, bedroom, living room, den in which the den could be used as a guest room, or, if we needed it as such, it could be used as a nursery. I'll go to work on it. Let me know what suggestions you would like to make and I'll send you along the ideas I get. I wish to heck we could be together to work on this, in fact I just wish we were together.

Goodbye now Darling. Take good care of yourself and write regularly now. Remember that I love you more than anything in the world and that I send you

All my love  
Freddie